

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION**

**FALL ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
SLOW PITCH POST-SEASON PLAYOFFS**

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**Except in the following situations, Montgomery County Recreation softball rules will apply:**

1. There will be a 65-minute time limit on all playoff games (unless tied). There will be no time on the Championship games other than (1:15pm for Sundays or Weekdays **10:30pm**) curfew. If the time limit has expired, and the game is tied, teams will go to a one-pitch format. The one-pitch format is only used when the time limit has expired regardless of innings played. If the time limit has not reached the 65 minute mark, and teams have played 7 innings and the score is tied regular play continues. If the lights turn off during the game please revert back to the last full inning for the score. **TOP SEED IS HOME TEAM. If the championship game is best two-out-of-three please use a coin flip to determine the home team.**
2. **Mercy rule: 20 runs after 3 innings; 15 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings.**
3. There will be a 10-minute grace period for the **first game of the day only, which comes off game time.** Teams must field at least 8 players (men's) from the scheduled starting time. Teams should plan to be at the field 15 minutes prior to game time. **Teams are allowed courtesy runners, but it must be the last out. If the running is on the base at his at bat, the runner becomes an out and will take his term at bat.**
4. The Home Team for each game must provide an official scorekeeper.
5. Both teams must be able to supply one new softball that is .52-core/275/300 compression per game (12 inch balls for the men's game(s)). Each team will provide one softball to the Umpire as a back-up ball before the game begins. Team putting the ball out-of-play is responsible for replacing the ball. **The Recreation Department does not provide the game balls for the playoffs.**
6. Any player who is ejected from any playoff game will automatically sit out one playoff game. League Director will evaluate future game(s) suspension(s) if necessary.
7. Players can only play for one team within that playoff bracket. **Penalty:** the 2<sup>nd</sup> team will forfeit out of the playoffs.
8. Each batter will begin with a 1 ball, 1 strike count. A courtesy foul allowed after 2 strikes.
9. **Home run:** Please look at your bracket for number of home runs. The one-up rule is in affect. Home team in the last inning may use this rule.
10. **A home run** for this rule will be defined as an untouched fair ball over the fence. If a player hits any additional home runs and the one-up rule is not in affect shall be declared an out.
11. The Senior Umpire at each field will handle all protests regarding rule interpretations.
12. If there is any doubt concerning inclement weather, teams are responsible to appear at the field site. In the event of rain/inclement weather the Recreation Department has the right to change the format of the playoffs.
13. In case of inclement weather, please call the following recording - (240) 777-6889.

**Weather Lines:**

Montgomery County: 240-777-6889